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To all Members of Parliament

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I hope you agree that, as a member of parliament, your joint responsibility is to represent your constituents, and balance benefit against harm of proposed legislation. Discharging your responsibility requires an assessment of the facts, not a judgement of "conscience".

The questions facing you as our lawmakers are NOT:

- "Do you personally consider voluntary euthanasia right for yourself?" or "Is the proposal repugnant to you?"

BUT such questions as:

- "Should those who consider it right be allowed to decide?"
- "Can we ensure that the law will apply to them alone?"
- "Will the legislation reduce human suffering without unacceptable complications?"
- "Will the legislation confer greater social benefits than the present prohibitive legislation?"

THESE ARE NOT ISSUES OF "CONSCIENCE".

The attached article further explores this issue. Please take the time to read it and let me know your thoughts.

Yours sincerely,

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